

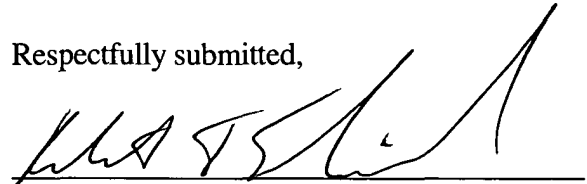
REMARKS:

In making the amendments shown on the previous pages, care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been introduced. Support for the claims, abstract, and the amendments to the specification are found, in particular, at: specification, page 5, lines 2-11; and the discussion of Modified Examples 3-6, especially page 31, line 20 through page 32, line 16.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including any outstanding extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305.

The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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